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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET

### Local Option Election Ordered. Saloon Question Up to Voters.

### CAMPAIGN WILL BE SHORT

No Question as to Outcome. Fight Will Be Bitter. Columbia Question Left Unsettled.

The local option campaign is now on, and while it will be short it promises to be sharp and bitter. There is no question, however, as to the outcome. The people of Van Buren county, after a period of twenty years of continued prosperity in the "dry" column will not at this time vote to return to the open saloon and its attendant evils.

In pursuance of the provisions of an order from the supreme court, the board of supervisors convened on Wednesday and ordered the election. All the supervisors were present with the exception of Mr. Crabtree of South Haven, who missed the morning train. The session was short as no business outside of local option matters was considered. The writ of mandamus from the supreme court ordering the board to reconvene was read by the clerk.

Prosecuting Attorney Warner came before the board and expressed his opinion on the writ of mandamus issued out of the supreme court in said cause and gave as his opinion that the board should call the local option election as prayed for by the petitioners. He also stated that he was now of the same opinion in regard to the Columbia petition as he was when he gave the same to the board at their last session, but that question had nothing to do with the present action of the board.

Supervisor Payne of South Haven raised a question as to the proper action of the board in rescinding their action at the January session. Attorney James E. Chandler explained that that was not necessary as the order from the supreme court took care of that question.

Supervisor Wiggins presented a resolution to the effect that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, which was carried unanimously by a yea and nay vote. An order calling an election was then adopted and the board adjourned.

It is to be regretted the supreme court did not pass upon the sufficiency of the Columbia petition. That question is still unsettled. The point upon which the supreme court ordered the board to reconvene was that they had no right to say whether a petitioner was a qualified elector or not. The affidavit of the one who circulates the petition is final and conclusive. The 224 names which were rejected by the board would make the requisite number of petitioners on which to call the election without Columbia. The disputed point is therefore undecided.

## CHARGED WITH "BOOTLEGGING"

### Prominent South Haven Man Arrested Last Monday. Bound Over to Circuit Court.

Wakely Eikenburg, a prominent real estate dealer and business man and formerly treasurer of the city of South Haven, was arrested last Monday on a charge of violation of the local option law.

The specific charge against him was that of furnishing a pint of whiskey to one Elisha Burrows. He waived examination before Justice Phelps and was bound over to the circuit court for trial. He was released on bonds in the sum of \$800 signed by C. S. Hill and J. E. Burge.

In commenting on the arrest, the South Haven Tribune states as follows: "It is understood that this arrest is the result of investigations that have been under way for several weeks and that the officers are in possession of considerable evidence in support of the charge. Mr. Eikenburg refers to the matter as a 'blackmailing affair' and will give his version of it in the circuit court."

### COUNTS FOR US.

A postal card from Carl Mosier dated at Ann Arbor, March 2, 1910, at 6:30 p. m. states as follows:

"Just came from court. Jury disagrees, 10 to 2 in favor of acquittal. Counts for US. Feeling GOOD."

The practice court is a department of the senior year in the law department at the U. of M., and Carl had been appointed to defend a man charged with the crime of obtaining goods under false pretenses.

## EASTERN STAR MINSTRELS

### At Opera House Wednesday Evening March 9. Under Personal Direction of Harry E. Walker.

One of the best amateur performances ever given in Paw Paw, will be the home talent minstrel show at the opera house, Wednesday, March 9, under the personal direction of Harry E. Walker whose comment in professional minstrelsy needs no introduction. Mr. Walker has also played in the leading vaudeville houses, so with his pains taking as a director, theatre goers of Paw Paw can rely on witnessing a minstrel production up to the standard. Great care and attention will be given the scenic display, also the costuming. The Spectacular first part entitled "The Summer Girls" in the Garden of Smiles, introduces the entire company in a merry musical melange of the latest, popular, sentimental and comedy successes aided by an orchestra, to be followed by a vaudeville program in which a number of big surprises are promised. In addition to the feature olio there will be a one act comedy entitled "A Soap Shot Dixie", drills, dances, cake-walks, melodies of the past tableaux, etc. which is effected to send everyone home in a happy frame of mind.

## ROUNDED OUT HIS NINTIETH YEAR

### Liberty H. Bailey still hale and hearty at ripe old age of 90. One of the Pioneers of Van Buren Co.

Vigorous and active of body and clear of mind, L. H. Bailey completed to-day (last Saturday) his 90th year, spending the day quietly at his home on Bailey avenue. His friends, especially those of the Masonic order, remembered him with letters, cards, flowers and other gifts, and wishes that he may enjoy several years more of active participation in the affairs of life. The Tribune joins his other friends in these congratulations and good wishes and hopes that it may note in its columns the passing of many more of his birthdays.

The above item was taken from the South Haven Tribune, where Mr. Bailey has long been an honored and respected citizen. He has many warm friends in Paw Paw, and The True Northerner joins them in felicitations on the 90th birthday of the "Grand Old man." May he at least be with us to round out the century.

## SPLENDID SOCIAL SESSION

### At Masonic Hall Last Tuesday Evening. April 5 Next Number. Ladies' Night.

The social session at the Masonic hall last Tuesday evening was a pleasant and profitable affair. A goodly number of members were present and the address of Hon. B. F. Heckert and remarks by R. W. Broughton, A. Lynn Free, Merle H. Young, E. D. Sirrine, Wm. Killefer and others were enjoyed and appreciated. A musical program and light refreshments concluded the program.

The committee having the series of social sessions in charge are planning to give the second number of the series on the evening of April 5. At this time not only the Masons, but their wives and families will be invited. An interesting program will be prepared, full announcement of which will be made later in the columns of The True Northerner.

### SPELLING CONTEST.

The White Oak and East Decatur pupils had another spelling contest which resulted in a tie. Those standing above 90 were Marguerite Miller 100, Esther Smith 100, Eugene Miller 98, Nora Bradshaw 92, Harrison Moon 92, Edna Phelps 100, Harry Phelps 96, Bernice Lewis 92, Harvey Lee 92, Tina Boersma 92, Alice Boersma 92, Morris McGowan 92, Leo Bertch 92. Those winning in oral spelling were Edna Phelps (grammar), tie between Morris McGowan and Harry Phelps (intermediate) and Mary Agin (primary).

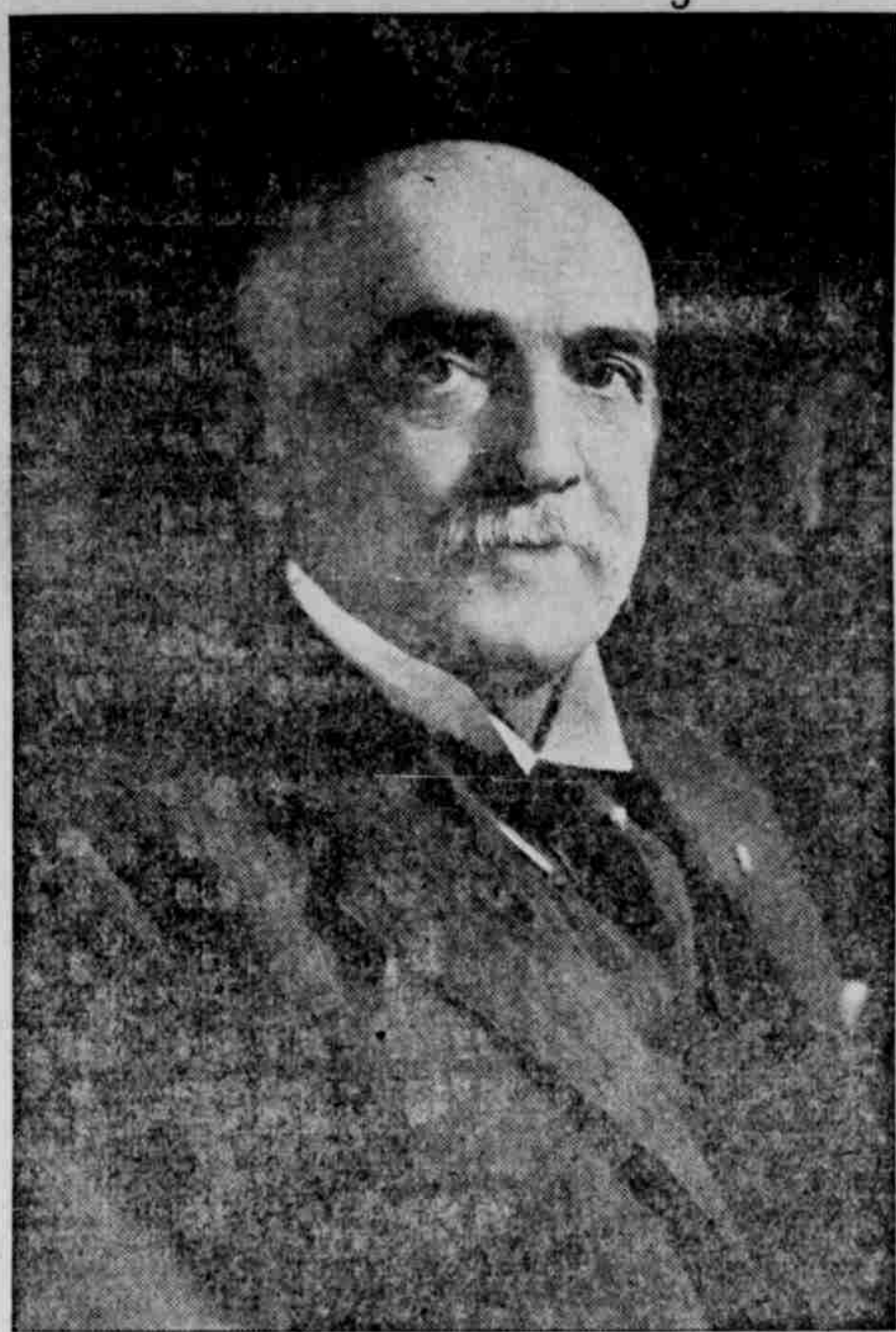
### JOE MURPHY WINS AGAIN.

A large crowd of Paw Paw horsemen and others interested in the racing sport went to Lawton last Tuesday to witness the contest between Joe Murphy of Lawton and Humming Bird of Grand Rapids. The Kalamazoo crowd backed the Grand Rapids horse to defeat the Lawton flyer, but the little black beauty won the race in three straight heats. It is said that no less than \$1,000 changed hands on the race.

### INHUMAN TREATMENT

Wm. J. Brace of Antwerp township was arrested by humane officer McCabe last week on a charge of cruelty to animals. He pleaded guilty in Judge Killefer's court and paid a fine of \$10.00 and costs of \$6.00. McCabe states that this was one of the worst cases of inhuman and cruel treatment of dumb animals that ever came under his supervision, and that he is informed that Brace has not yet profited by his lesson of last week.

## HON. N. H. STEWART



### Popular Kalamazoo Attorney Who Lectured Before the Ladies of the Coterie on Robert Burns and His Poems Last Wednesday.

Last week Wednesday was a red letter day at the Coterie. It was "Scotch Day," and Mrs. J. C. Maxwell was chairman of arrangements. Hon. N. H. Stewart, a prominent attorney of Kalamazoo, favored the ladies with his presence, and lectured on Bobby Burns and his poems. Mr. Stewart is very conversant with Scottish literature, especially with Burns, for while he is in love with Bobby himself, he is more in love with the things that Burns tries to teach, and Mr. Stewart goes to other poets and philosophers, and storing in his marvelous memory their choicest bits, he brings them to you and to me to prove to us that Bobby Burns is correct in his views.

The first poem of any length that was read for us was "To the Mountain Daisy." This was written in 1793 along at the time Burns was in trouble over his connection with Jean Armour. Mistakenly we were crowded around him enough to crush an ordinary man, still when in April of that year he was plowing in the field and happened to turn down a mountain daisy, the feelings of the man were hurt to think he could have done so careless a thing, and he immediately sat down and wrote this apology, which while it did not serve to change the feelings of the flower, did serve to show us the big heart of the man. At Damfries there is erected to his memory a statue of white marble, life size, which shows him with his plow just about to turn the daisy under. This largeness of heart is shown in many other of his poems, among them "To a Mouse" and "A Winter's Night," both tending to show his love for all of God's creatures, even the dumb brute.

Mr. Stewart loves Burns and would make each one who listens share that love. His readings were especially delightful, as they were all from memory. Only once in the course of the afternoon did he resort to a book, and then only to get the first line of a poem. A lawyer who knows Mr. Stewart well, in commenting upon the memory displayed, said that was nothing, for he could quote law the same way.

Be that as it may, nearly all of us had a vastly different idea of Burns and his character and the outward influences which helped to make him what he was, and we realize, too, how his biographers have gained the impressions they seek to impart.

Mr. Stewart is a genial, whole souled gentleman who has a host of warm friends in Paw Paw. Many thanks are due both to Mr. Stewart for coming and to the chairman and committee for arranging so delightful an afternoon.

## IMMENSE CROWD SAW ICE RACES

### Matinee on Maple Lake was Decided Success. Good Track. Lawton had Case of Cold Feet.

The racing matinee pulled off in Paw Paw last Friday was a decided success, and the large crowd present apparently enjoyed themselves to the limit.

Racing on the ice was a decided novelty in Van Buren county and one of the most perfect straightway half-mile courses ever laid out in Michigan was measured on the ice of Maple Lake from Pottawatamie Island to Killarney Point.

The management hung up attractive purses and horses from adjacent towns were invited to help themselves. The horses from Lawton were drawn, the owners' feet having evidently been in cold storage. The crowd was disappointed at the tactics of the Lawton contingent, as little "Joe Murphy" made a lot of friends when he was driven on the streets here some time ago, and Paw Paw was ready to back him to the limit. When the owner said "it was all off," the proposition to buy him something to start the circulation in his pedal extremities met the popular approval of the thousand or more people who lined the track.

Two events were pulled off, Prince Poe, and Warkax in the first and E. Ward, Burk's and Loft's horses participating in the second. Prince Poe won the first and Burk and E. Ward divided the money in the second, both horses having Continued on page 4.

## ANOTHER PLANTING OF FISH

### Letter From Congressman Hamilton to Mr. Titus. Liberal Allowance for Maple Lake.

A short time since L. H. Titus, made application to the U. S. government for a supply of fish to plant in Maple lake and sent it to Congressman Hamilton to be endorsed as is required by the rules of the department having the matter in charge. This week he received a letter from the congressman in regard to the matter as follows: "Washington, D. C. Feb. 26, 1910."

"L. H. Titus, Paw Paw.

My Dear Titus:—Your letter enclosing application for fish for Maple lake, received. I have taken pleasure not only in adding formal endorsement to the application, but in asking the Commissioner of Fisheries to do his best to give you a liberal allowance.

With best wishes, I am, Yours Truly, E. L. HAMILTON."

The indications are that there will be another large planting of fish in Maple lake this spring.

### VIOLATED FISH LAWS.

Samuel Connors of Lawrence plead guilty before Justice Killefer last Friday to the crime of spearing black bass in Shaefer's lake. On account of lack of friends with which to pay a fine and costs of \$13.20, he is serving a jail sentence.

## WADE OFF FOR WASHINGTON

### Popular Ball Player Left Thursday. Rumored That He will be on the Catching Staff.

Wade Killefer left on Thursday of this week for Washington, D. C., where he will join his team mates of the Washington team for the spring training trip. It is said that the management of the Washington team are planning to make Wade a member of their catching staff.

He has had considerable experience behind the bat. While a member of the Paw Paw team, he caught and was on the receiving end of the battery, while a student at the Kalamazoo college. He has the reputation of being the best catcher that ever donned a mask at the college. Since being in professional ball, he has caught many exhibition games and has shown that he is a first class player in that position. Without doubt behind the bat is his natural position, and if Washington elects to so place him, he will be the premier catcher in the staff. Wade is in excellent physical condition and will probably have the best season of his career on the diamond.

## ENTERTAINED BANGOR WHIST CLUB

### Paw Paw Whist Team Defeated Strong Club From Bangor Last Friday Night.

The Bangor whist club was entertained by the Paw Paw whist team at the Maple City club rooms last Friday evening.

The Bangor team is composed of strong individual players, but as was anticipated, Paw Paw carried off the honors. The visitors, however, are all gentlemen and true sportsmen. They took the defeat gracefully and promised to give Paw Paw a warm reception at Bangor soon.

Dinner was served to members of both teams at the Clifton hotel at 10 o'clock and the evening was one of real enjoyment to all concerned.

Come again, boys. You are always welcome in Paw Paw.

It might be said that Bangor went to South Haven last Monday evening and defeated the strong team at that city by a decisive score.

## SPORT FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

### Miss Marion Pierce Surprised by Company of School Friends. Plenty of Music and Lots of Fun.

Miss Marion Pierce was surprised by about 35 of her school friends last Friday evening at her home in the west part of town. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and plenty of musical instruments; a harp, violin, piano, bells, drum, etc., and quite an orchestra was improvised from among the young guests, who furnished entertainment for all present. Refreshments were served, popcorn, candy etc., added to the pleasure of the occasion until 11 o'clock when the young people were taken for a sleigh ride with home as the goal. One more good time for the youngsters to remember.

### TOO MUCH KALAMAZOO BOOZE

Henry Bardo and Frank Alfred, two members of the "Wandering Willie club," strolled over from Kalamazoo county last Tuesday, each struggling under a heavier load than he could carry. Officer McCabe took them in tow and through the kindness of Justice Killefer they are now the guests of Sheriff Chappell for a period of 20 days.

### FRANK HAYWARD BETTER.

Frank Hayward, who has been confined to the bed with rheumatism for the past six weeks at the home of Delos Tweed is on the road to recovery. George Weston, who has been nursing him, stated on Wednesday that Frank was much better and that his services as nurse were no longer needed.

### MR. DOWNER NOT SO OLD.

The True Northerner in quoting from Mr. Downer's remarks at the Booster's club banquet in our last issue said that he was in Paw Paw 50 years ago. We should have said that he was here in 1859. Mr. Downer is not so old as we would make him appear.

### WARNER-THYNNE.

Ernest Thynne and Miss Molly L. Warner were quietly married at the Presbyterian parsonage Tuesday evening, March 1, Rev. M. Grigsby officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. Elliot Thynne, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cole and Mrs. Grigsby. The young people have many friends who wish them Godspeed on the matrimonial sea.

### MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE.

A cry of fire on the street Thursday called the attention of the people to a man who was fighting fire for his life and dancing a jig step at the same time. When the flames were extinguished his clothing was thoroughly ventilated. We understand the loss was fully insured. It was the sequel of "Truthful Rogers" and his pipe.

## STAIN REMOVED FROM WAR RECORD

### John Reed, Recorded as Deserter, Granted Discharge.

## NOW ON THE PENSION LIST

### Served With Distinction and Honor. Senator Johnson Pays Him Glowing Tribute.

Our good friend, John Reed, is undoubtedly one of the happiest men in Paw Paw today, and it is evident that he has just cause for his elation.

John is a survivor of the great civil war, and he has lived all these years with an undeserved stain upon his military record. He was recorded in the military records as a deserter and was so considered by those who were not fully advised as to the circumstances surrounding the case. And now, after all these years, through the efforts of his local friends and the patriotic and sincere endeavors of Senator Johnson of Alabama, the blot has been erased and Mr. Reed has been granted an honorable discharge dating from July 25, 1865.

Mr. Reed had an enviable record as a soldier. He enlisted in Company E, 5th New Jersey regiment on August 19, 1861. He was twice captured and served many months in confederate prisons, but escaped on both occasions and again joined his command. The latter part of the year of 1861 he was badly injured and was given a furlough. When the furlough expired, the war was over and his condition was no better. He knew that his services were no longer required by the government, and foolishly, as it later appeared, he did not again report to his command and was recorded as a deserter.

Mr. Reed did not know of this blot upon his record until 1888, when he applied for a pension.

Bills to correct the record and grant him an honorable discharge have been before the 54th, 55th and 56th Congress. Not, however, until Senator Johnston championed his cause were the efforts of his friends of any avail. Senator Johnston was, by the way, a confederate soldier, and in his speech in support of the bill in Congress the tribute he pays to his valiant foe, the union soldier, and the particular reference to Mr. Reed's service to his country is worthy of the hero that Senator Johnston is. He states among other things that "Mr. Reed was not one of those warriors who, never having faced an armed confederate during the war, now display their heroic valor by attacking the confederate flag and the memory of the gallant dead who followed it."

The discharge will now place Mr. Reed on the eligible pension list, and he is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on being restored to his rightful place as an honored member of that valiant remnant of the union army. Continued on page 4.

## LOCAL OPTION MASS MEETING

### Called at Hartford for Friday, March 11. Forces Organized For Vigorous Campaign.

The battle is on and the local option forces are organizing for the fray. Bills are out announcing a huge local option mass meeting at Hartford on Friday, March 11. Every citizen in Van Buren county who believes that the saloon should be kept from within the borders of Van Buren county should be at this meeting. The county is already thoroughly organized, but there are many matters to be discussed to insure a vigorous campaign in the short time allotted. Let the meeting be a representative one of the citizenship of the county.

There will be a meeting of the county local option committee at the same time and place. The meeting will convene at 9 o'clock in the morning. It should and undoubtedly will be one of the largest mass meetings of the local option forces ever held in Van Buren county.

### MOVEMENT POSTPONED.

Rev. E. L. Buchanan of Lafayette, Ind., was in Paw Paw the first of the week, the guest of Rev. G. G. Stansell. Mr. Buchanan has in charge the simultaneous evangelistic movement, which we understand has been postponed until after the local option campaign.

### DRIVEN FROM HOME.

The rain on Saturday raised the water in front of the postoffice block and flooded the "Chamber of Horrors." Presided over by his honor, Justice Killefer, making it a case of wear rubber boots or keep out.